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SB-387/HB0425 Oppose
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Members of the Judicial Committee,

My Testimony is in Opposition to HB0425 (SB387).

These bills are unnecessary and do nothing to create public safety. These bills are in some cases redundant to existing federal law, and attempt to make a non-firearm object into a regulated firearm. This will leave the judgment of what objects are firearms upto arbitrary interpretation. Further restricting the manufacture of these non firearms just targets people who are Law-Abiding hobbyists, not the criminals you're hoping to target. It's more expensive, time consuming and requires specialized tools to make your own firearms.

In the case of "undetectable firearms" these are already illegal to sell, import or manufacture. Making them more illegal by creating a state law in Maryland does nothing and is moreover a waste of public resources. I'd like to also point out that the person's bills like this would like to target (and are not) are already prohibited from not only owning a firearm, but from having a firearm in their possession at all. Requiring a firearm to have a number on it will do nothing to change this. Making something more illegal will only burden people who are normal everyday marylanders.

Non-Firearm objects are just that, anything. The argument could be made that any object with enough time, energy and money could be made into a firearm. Restricting the sale and possession of these objects is to be frank, just impossible.

A mandate of serial numbers will do nothing to target criminals who use a firearm in a crime. The system for tracing does not yield person to person traceability, in the best circumstances it may yield a distributor to the first point of purchase and nothing more. It is already illegal to manufacture firearms for resale without a manufacturing FFL from the BATF and approval from the state.

This bill seems to cause far more problems than it resolves, By overburdening Law-Abiding creators, and in effect manufactures them into ready made criminals. While not affecting any of the already prohibited persons committing crimes with firearms. I'd ask this, who cares if there is a serial number on a firearm at all? It doesn't help in prosecutions or a chain of custody. I'd ask this of the committee and the Maryland legislature at large, target criminals more effectively and efficiently who commit crimes with firearms.

I respectfully ask that this bill receive an unfavorable report.

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